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Health Department,  
Council Offices,  
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Kent.

October, 1967.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Urban District for 1966.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population for 1966 (27,310) shows again a marked increase - 840 over the previous Year.

The births (570) also shows an increase, being the highest recorded in the Urban District. The corrected birth and death rates of 21.2 and 10.4 are to be compared with those of England and Wales which respectively are 17.7 and 11.7. It is worth noticing that 126 deaths which occurred at Milton Hospital were not previous residents in the Urban District, and that out of a total of 348 deaths 191 occurred in persons over 75 years of age.

There were 5 infant deaths giving an infant mortality rate of 8.7. The rate for England and Wales was 19.0.

There were 642 notifications of infectious disease, of which Measles accounted for 590 and Scarlet Fever for 39. All the cases were mild and were nursed at home.

There have been no deaths ascribed to Tuberculosis for three years and no notification of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the past seven years.

During the Year a special Clinic was opened at Sutton House to deal with cervical cytology.

Clearance of unfit houses has proceeded and 241 houses have been dealt with in the past four years.



The Council has decided that they will eventually take up the paper sack system of refuse collection and meanwhile agreed that all new Council houses shall be equipped with this method. New private developers have also been encouraged to install the paper sack system but this has only been implemented in a minority of cases.

The work of the Public Health Department has proceeded smoothly during the Year and a great amount is carried out by your Officers through frequent visits and exhortation without having to proceed to Courts of Law. The staff is efficient and keen, and I wish to express my thanks to them and especially to Mr. A. Leslie, your Chief Public Health Inspector, for providing me with the excellent report on the Sanitary circumstances of the District.

I wish also to express thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their interest and courtesy.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION I

### SOCIAL CONDITIONS

#### 1. Climatology

The rainfall recorded in the Urban District was 34.29 inches, as compared with 30.18 inches recorded in 1965.

The heaviest rainfall, as recorded at the Highsted Waterworks, was 1.19 inches on 22nd October.

Thunderstorms occurred in the Urban District on 8 occasions and the wettest month was October when the rainfall recorded was 6.45 inches.

Fog occurred on 12 occasions (3 in January; 1 in February; 1 in April; 1 in May; 3 in October and 3 in November).

During the Year, there were 10 falls of snow locally (6 in January; 3 in March and 1 in April).

Temperatures dropped below freezing point on 33 occasions (14 in January; 1 in February; 5 in March; 2 in April; 3 in November and 8 in December) as compared with 59 occasions in the previous Year.

The hottest day of the Year was the 24th July when a Temperature of 82°F. was recorded.

The coldest day of the Year was the 19th January when a Temperature of 8°F. was recorded.

Monthly rainfall readings recorded at Highsted Waterworks over the past six Years are shown in Appendix "A" and Appendix "B" shows the monthly maximum and minimum Temperatures for the Years 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966.

#### 2. Area in Acres

Land and Inland Water	... ..	4,935
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No change.



### 3. Population

The estimated mid-Year population for 1966, as given by the Registrar-General, was 27,310, an increase of 840 against the mid-Year population for 1965.

The Census figure taken in April, 1961, was 23,616.

### 4. Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1966 was 9,162.

### 5. Rateable Value

The rateable value at 31st December, 1966, was £1,325,439, as compared with £1,285,440 at the end of 1965.

### 6. Sum Representing Penny Rate

The sum representing a penny rate in 1966 was £5,350, as compared with £5,100 in 1965.

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## SECTION II

### VITAL STATISTICS

#### Births

The number of Births registered during 1966 was 570 as compared with 537 in the previous Year.

The number of Births each Year for the period from 1940 to 1966 inclusive will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

#### (a) Live Births

				Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	...	...	...	265 (275)	275 (236)	540 (511) *
Illegitimate	...	...	...	12 ( 15)	18 ( 11)	30 ( 26)
Totals				277 (290)	293 (247)	570 (537)

The percentage of illegitimate births was 5.2% as against 4.8% in 1965.

#### (b) Birth Rate

The crude birth rate per 1,000 of the population was 20.8 in 1966 as against 20.2 in 1965. Figures for the Years from 1940 to date will be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

The corrected birth rate is 21.2 as compared with 17.7 per thousand for England and Wales as a whole.

#### (c) Still-Births

Twelve still-births occurred during the Year. This compares with 6 in 1965.

The percentage of still-births to live births for the Year was 2.1% as against 1.1% in 1965.

There were 2 illegitimate still-births during the Year.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

## 2. Deaths

(a) The number of deaths occurring in and assignable to the Urban District during 1966 was 348. This figure represents 169 males and 179 females.

Figures for previous Years back to 1940 may be seen upon reference to the details contained in Table III.

Of the 348 deaths assigned to Sittingbourne during 1966, a total of 154 occurred in Milton Hospital, but only 28 of these were actually persons previously resident in the Urban District.

The average age of death was 72.0, being 69.4 for males and 74.6 for females. The oldest death was a female aged 101 years. The average age of death during 1965 was 72.0, being 70.2 for males and 73.2 for females.

The following Table shows the age groups in which the Deaths occurred:-

TABLE I

Sex	Under 1 Year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and Over
Males ...	4	-	2	2	2	6	5	18	48	82
Females ...	1	1	1	2	1	1	7	14	42	109
Totals	5	1	3	4	3	7	12	32	90	191

### (b) Death Rate

The crude death rate for 1966 was 12.7 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 12.5 per 1,000 in the preceding Year. The figures for previous Years back to 1940 are included in Table III.

The corrected death rate is 10.4 per 1,000 as compared with 11.7 per 1,000 for England and Wales as a whole.



(c) The causes of death classified by the Registrar-General under the 36 headings based on the Abbreviated List of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948, are set out in Table II below:-

TABLE II

Cause	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - ) *
2. Tuberculosis, other ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
3. Syphilitic disease ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
4. Diphtheria ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
5. Whooping Cough ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
6. Meningococcal Infections ... ..	- ( - )	1 ( - )	1 ( - )
7. Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
8. Measles ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	- ( - )	- ( 1 )	- ( 1 )
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... ..	5 ( 9 )	2 ( 1 )	7 ( 10 )
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	15 ( 19 )	2 ( - )	17 ( 19 )
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast ... ..	- ( - )	6 ( 3 )	6 ( 3 )
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus ... ..	- ( - )	2 ( 3 )	2 ( 3 )
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15 ( 10 )	10 ( 14 )	25 ( 24 )
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..	1 ( 2 )	- ( 2 )	1 ( 4 )
16. Diabetes ... ..	3 ( 1 )	3 ( 2 )	6 ( 3 )
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	23 ( 21 )	34 ( 34 )	57 ( 55 )
18. Coronary disease, angina ... ..	46 ( 46 )	41 ( 27 )	87 ( 73 )
19. Hypertension with heart disease ...	- ( 2 )	3 ( 6 )	3 ( 8 )
20. Other heart disease ... ..	18 ( 11 )	28 ( 23 )	46 ( 34 )
21. Other circulatory disease ... ..	7 ( 8 )	3 ( 4 )	10 ( 12 )
22. Influenza ... ..	- ( 2 )	3 ( 2 )	3 ( 4 )
23. Pneumonia ... ..	8 ( 7 )	14 ( 9 )	22 ( 16 )
24. Bronchitis ... ..	7 ( 12 )	3 ( 8 )	10 ( 20 )
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	1 ( 2 )	1 ( 1 )	2 ( 3 )
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	- ( 1 )	3 ( 1 )	3 ( 2 )
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ..	- ( 1 )	1 ( 2 )	1 ( 3 )
28. Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..	- ( - )	- ( 1 )	- ( 1 )
29. Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..	2 ( 1 )	- ( - )	2 ( 1 )
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
31. Congenital malformations ... ..	3 ( - )	- ( - )	3 ( - )
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	7 ( 15 )	15 ( 14 )	22 ( 29 )
33. Motor vehicle accidents ... ..	5 ( 2 )	2 ( - )	7 ( 2 )
34. All other accidents ... ..	2 ( 2 )	- ( - )	2 ( 2 )
35. Suicide ... ..	1 ( - )	2 ( 1 )	3 ( 1 )
36. Homicide and Operations of War ...	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - )
All Causes	169 ( 174 )	179 ( 159 )	348 ( 333 )

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



(d) The following Table gives details of deaths, births and infantile mortality for the period 1940 to 1966 inclusive.

TABLE III

Year	Population	Deaths		Births					Infant Mortality			
		Number of Deaths at all Ages	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the Population	Still-Births	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Total	Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age per 1,000 Births
1940	20,670	280	13.5	311	9	320	15.4	10	18	1	19	59.3
1941	19,880	247	12.4	257	11	268	13.4	7	6	-	6	22.3
1942	19,270	233	12.0	291	18	309	16.0	9	16	-	16	51.7
1943	18,790	249	13.2	334	14	348	18.5	13	17	-	17	48.8
1944	18,790	231	12.2	340	31	371	19.7	9	16	4	20	53.9
1945	19,140	236	12.3	350	34	384	20.0	11	12	3	15	39.0
1946	21,040	230	10.9	419	31	450	21.3	12	13	1	14	31.1
1947	21,560	248	11.5	509	23	532	24.4	15	17	-	17	31.9
1948	22,240	228	10.2	385	12	397	17.8	7	8	-	8	20.1
1949	22,150	271	12.2	355	19	374	16.8	7	15	-	15	37.4
1950	22,340	228	10.2	328	15	343	15.3	7	8	-	8	20.1
1951	21,920	265	12.0	332	15	347	15.8	8	14	-	14	40.3
1952	21,940	244	11.1	331	15	346	15.7	8	9	-	9	26.0
1953	21,930	433	19.7	340	17	357	16.2	6	16	-	16	44.8
1954	21,940	318	14.4	298	18	316	14.4	7	4	-	4	12.6
1955	21,970	347	15.7	327	16	343	15.6	4	4	-	4	11.6
1956	22,060	397	17.9	316	16	332	15.0	7	8	1	9	27.1
1957	22,260	398	17.8	362	19	381	17.1	11	11	-	11	28.8
1958	22,470	336	14.9	367	12	379	16.8	6	2	-	2	5.2
1959	22,700	282	12.4	374	21	395	17.4	7	7	-	7	17.7
1960	22,870	293	12.8	335	15	350	15.3	7	6	-	6	17.1
1961	23,630	315	13.3	379	24	403	17.0	9	13	2	15	37.2
1962	24,270	322	13.2	405	18	423	17.4	11	7	1	8	18.8
1963	24,700	322	13.0	455	22	477	19.3	7	3	-	3	6.2
1964	25,480	337	13.2	477	25	502	19.7	2	11	-	11	21.9
1965	26,470	333	12.5	511	26	537	20.2	6	9	1	10	18.6
1966	27,310	348	12.7	540	30	570	20.8	12	3	2	5	8.7



### 3. Infantile Mortality

(a) Five deaths of Infants under one Year of age were recorded during the Year under review, as compared with 10 in 1965.

The infant mortality rate for the Year was 8.7 per thousand live births. The rate for 1965 was 18.6 per thousand. The rates for previous Years may be seen upon reference to Table III.

The infant mortality rate for England and Wales as a whole was 19.0 per thousand live births, which was the same rate as in the previous Year - the lowest ever recorded in this Country.

Of the 5 deaths recorded, 3 were infants under four weeks of age, resulting in a Neo-Natal mortality rate of 5.2 per thousand live births as compared with that for England and Wales as a whole of 12.9 per thousand live births.

The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 24.0 per thousand total live and stillbirths.

The Maternal Mortality was - NIL.

(b) The detailed causes of death among infants during 1966 were as follows:-

TABLE IV

Cause	Sex	Age at Death	Place of Birth	Place of Death
Cerebral Haemorrhage - Forceps delivery - Obesity ...	M	1 day	Hospital	Hospital
Prematurity ... ..	F	4 days	Hospital	Hospital
Cerebral Haemorrhage - Bleeding disorder - Ileostomy ileal volvulus ... ..	M	3 weeks	Hospital	Hospital
Congenital Cyanotic Heart Disease ... ..	M	3 months	Hospital	Hospital
Pneumonia ... ..	M	4 months	Home	Home

SECTION IIIINFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASESTHEIR PREVALENCE AND CONTROL1. Notifiable Diseases - Incidence

During the Year, the Department received 642 notifications of cases of notifiable diseases, as occurring in the Urban District. The figures for previous Years are detailed in Table VIII.

The incidence of these notified cases in each Quarter of the Year was as follows:-

1st Quarter - 18; 2nd Quarter - 15; 3rd Quarter - 39; 4th Quarter - 570.

The main cause of notification was again Measles, being 590 cases. The expected incidence of this disease occurred in the last three months of the Year, when 101 notifications were received in October; 154 in November and 306 in December. The incidence continued during January, 1967, when a further 181 cases were notified.

Of the 590 cases of Measles notified, 327 were Children under School age. There were 263 cases amongst School Children, mainly in the age group 5 - 9 years, involving 17 Schools in the District. The cases were generally of a mild nature and in no case was it found necessary to recommend hospitalisation.

39 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified, as compared with 38 cases in the previous Year. Of these 39 cases, 6 were Children under School age. The remaining 33 were all School Children involving 13 Schools in the District. In no case was it found necessary to admit to Hospital.

7 cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the Year.

Details of the 6 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified are shown in Tables VI and IX.



(a) The total number of cases occurring, number of cases admitted to Hospital and the total Deaths from each disease as shown in the Registrar-General's classification of Deaths, are shown in the following Table:-

TABLE V

Disease				No. of Cases	Admissions to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	39 ( 38 )	- ( - )	- ( - ) *
Measles	...	...	...	590 ( 64 )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	7 ( 3 )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Tuberculosis:-						
Pulmonary	...	...	...	6 ( 7 )	4 ( 3 )	- ( - )
Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	- ( 1 )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	- ( 8 )	- ( - )	- ( - )
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	- ( 1 )	- ( 1 )	- ( - )
Paratyphoid	...	...	...	- ( 1 )	- ( 1 )	- ( - )
Totals				642 ( 123 )	4 ( 5 )	- ( - )

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(b) The distribution by age group of the cases notified is shown in Table VI thus:-

TABLE VI

Disease	Under 1 Year	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 and Over	Totals
Scarlet Fever ...	-	1	5	23	9	1	-	-	-	-	39
Measles ...	16	150	167	245	10	2	-	-	-	-	590
Whooping Cough ...	1	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Tuberculosis:- Pulmonary ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	6
Totals	17	153	172	271	20	3	2	1	2	1	642

(c) The monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) in the Urban District during 1966, is shown in the following Table VII:-

TABLE VII

Disease	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals
Scarlet Fever ...	4	7	3	6	4	2	5	1	-	-	2	5	31
Measles ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	19	2	7	101	154	306	590
Whooping Cough ...	1	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	-	7
Totals	6	7	3	6	5	2	28	3	7	101	157	311	642

(d) Table VIII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each Year during the past twelve Years.

TABLE VIII

Disease	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	34	13	25	42	101	60	23	13	12	8	38	39
Measles ...	439	6	737	52	175	167	688	23	54	1134	64	590
Whooping Cough ...	5	11	139	28	1	50	12	3	6	18	3	7
Food Poisoning ...	3	-	5	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	8	-
Dysentery ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	4	1	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid and Para-												
Typhoid Fever ...	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Puerperal Fever )	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia )												
Poliomyelitis ...	8	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Encephalitis												
Lethargica ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal												
Meningitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-



## 2. Tuberculosis

Six new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the Year.

The age groups of the new cases notified during 1966 are shown in Table IX below; and Table X gives a summary of cases on the Tuberculosis Register during the Year under review.

It will be seen that the total number of cases on the Register has fallen from 228 at the beginning of the Year to 209 at 31st December, 1966.

TABLE IX

Age Groups of New Cases of Tuberculosis Notified during 1966

Age Group	Type	Total	Male	Female
Under 1 Year	-	-	-	-
1 Year	-	-	-	-
2 - 4	-	-	-	-
5 - 9	-	-	-	-
10 - 14	-	-	-	-
15 - 19	-	-	-	-
20 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 34	Pulmonary	2	1	1
35 - 44	Pulmonary	1	-	1
45 - 54	Pulmonary	2	1	1
55 - 64	-	-	-	-
65 - 74	-	-	-	-
75 and Over	Pulmonary	1	-	1
Age Unknown	-	-	-	-
Totals		6	2	4

TABLE X

Summary of Tuberculosis Register

Details	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
On Register on 1st January, 1966 ..	212	16	228
Notified as 'New' Cases ... ..	6	-	6
Transferred to District ... ..	-	-	-
Totals	218	16	234
Died ... ..	4	-	4 *
Recovered ... ..	9	-	9
Removed from District ... ..	2	-	2
Removed from Records on instructions received from Chest Clinic ... ..	8	2	10
Totals	23	2	25
Balance remaining on Register on 31st December, 1966 ... ..	195	14	209

\* This figure refers to patients on the Tuberculosis Register who have died - not necessarily from Tuberculosis.

I am indebted to the Chest Physicians at the Chest Clinic, Keycol Hospital (Dr. Owen Clarke and Dr. N.F. Crofts) for once again kindly supplying the following information regarding tuberculous patients in the Urban District.

Four patients from the Urban District were admitted to Keycol Hospital for treatment during the Year.

During the Year, Patients and Contacts from the Urban District attended the Chest Clinic at Keycol Hospital, as follows:-

Number of Attendances made by Patients	-	858	(825) *
Number of Attendances made by Contacts	-	869	(529)

Much help has again been given by the Sittingbourne, Milton and District Tuberculosis Care Committee, the sum of £224 being expended during the Year in providing Patients and their Families with Christmas Extras, Fuel and Heating, Clothing, the payment of Fares and Rent, and sending 5 Patients on Holiday.

The following Table XI gives details of Notifications received, Deaths and the Death Rate per 10,000 of the Population, for both Pulmonary and non-Pulmonary Cases, during the period from 1940 to 1966 inclusive.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



TABLE XI

Year	Number of Primary Notifications Received		Deaths		Death Rate per 10,000 of Population	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
1940	11	1	11	1	5.3	0.4
1941	9	3	7	1	3.5	0.5
1942	15	4	8	-	4.0	-
1943	9	4	8	3	4.2	1.5
1944	14	3	7	1	3.7	0.5
1945	22	2	7	1	3.0	0.5
1946	14	2	9	1	4.0	0.4
1947	19	5	6	2	2.8	0.9
1948	19	6	8	1	3.5	0.4
1949	20	3	10	2	4.5	0.9
1950	18	6	1	1	0.4	0.4
1951	15	2	3	-	1.3	-
1952	17	1	3	1	1.3	0.4
1953	16	-	4	-	1.8	-
1954	19	3	-	1	-	0.4
1955	19	1	2	-	0.9	-
1956	15	-	3	1	1.3	0.4
1957	27	-	-	-	-	-
1958	17	1	5	-	2.2	-
1959	4	1	-	1	-	0.4
1960	8	1	-	-	-	-
1961	9	3	-	-	-	-
1962	9	2	1	-	0.4	-
1963	13	-	1	-	0.4	-
1964	2	1	-	-	-	-
1965	7	1	-	-	-	-
1966	6	-	-	-	-	-

### 3. Venereal Diseases

I am indebted to Dr. C. D. Routh, Director and Medical Officer in Charge of the Special Clinic in Rochester, for the following information regarding cases and number of attendances from this Urban District during the Year.

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Syphilis ... ..	- ( - )	- ( - )	- ( - ) *
Gonorrhoea ... ..	2 ( 3 )	- ( 1 )	2 ( 4 )
Other Conditions ... ..	20 ( 17 )	3 ( 12 )	23 ( 29 )
Totals	22 ( 20 )	3 ( 13 )	25 ( 33 )

The above refer to new Cases occurring during the Year.

The total number of attendances at this Clinic during the Year was 117.

Details of new Cases and attendances in previous Years were as follows:-

Year	New Cases	Attendances	Year	New Cases	Attendances
1965	33	127	1957	19	250
1964	28	281	1956	25	220
1963	20	200	1955	16	279
1962	16	157	1954	23	319
1961	24	193	1953	11	262
1960	17	123	1952	7	191
1959	15	66	1951	13	308
1958	17	205			

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



#### 4. Vaccinations and Immunisations

I am indebted to the County Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) for once again kindly supplying the following details in connection with Immunisations and Vaccinations.

##### (a) Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus

During the Year the following cases were protected:-

Year of Birth	Primary		Reinforcing	
	Triple	Diph./Tet.	Triple	Diph./Tet.
1966	266	2	-	-
1965	293	2	28	2
1964	10	2	220	6
1963	4	1	41	-
1962	2	-	7	3
1959 - 1961	-	2	174	92
1950 - 1958	-	3	15	3
Totals	575	12	485	106

##### (b) Vaccination against Smallpox

Primary Vaccination 1 Year	...	...	356
Revaccination School Age but under 8 Years	...	...	-

##### (c) Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

The following Vaccinations against Poliomyelitis were carried out during the Year:-

Age Group	Primary	Reinforcing
1966	121	-
1965	324	-
1964	30	-
1963	11	-
1962	3	4
1959 - 1961	4	237
1950 - 1958	4	8
Totals	497	249

## 5. International Certificates of Vaccination

During the Year, 1,302 International Certificates of Vaccination were presented to the Department by local people leaving the Country, for the Medical Officer of Health to authenticate the Signature of the Doctors concerned. This figure compares with 304 in the previous Year.

These Certificates were required mainly in connection with people travelling to various parts of Europe for holidays and due to outbreaks of Smallpox in this Country, many European Countries, especially Spain, stipulated that vaccination was required before entry would be allowed.

However, it is surprising how many local people are still emigrating, particularly to Australia.

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# SECTION IV

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

### IN THE AREA

#### 1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council as the local Health Authority. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children; the provision of Midwives; Health Visiting and Home Nursing; Vaccination and Immunisation; Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care and Domestic Help Services.

Infant and Child Welfare, School Health and Dental Clinics are held at Sutton House, London Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.3313), but the District Office of the Kent County Council, including the Domestic Help Service, moved during the Year to the new Kent County Council Divisional Offices, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.2436).

The dates and times of all Clinics held at Sutton House are shown in the following Table:-

Clinics and Sessions	Day	Time
Infant Welfare	Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Relaxation and Mothercraft Classes for Expectant Mothers	Thursday	9.15 - 11.15 a.m.
Cytology	Wednesday	2 - 3.30 p.m. (By appointment)
Minor Ailments	Monday	3.45 - 4.30 p.m.
Dental	Monday to Friday (inclusive)	By appointment (Tel.No: Sitt.3314)
Ophthalmic	Thursday	9.30 a.m. (By appointment)
Child Guidance	-	By appointment
Chiropody	Monday and Wednesday	9 a.m. (By appointment)

(NOTE:- The Health Visitors are available for consultation on Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) from 9 - 10 a.m. The Telephone Number is Sitt.3313)



Infant and Child Welfare Clinics are also held in other parts of the Urban District, as follows:-

Thursdays - from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Congregational Hall, Crown Road, Milton Regis - Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance - for the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Milton and Kemsley areas.

Wednesdays - from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Old Welfare Hall, Church Road, Murston - Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance - for the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in the Murston and Canterbury Road areas.

2nd and 4th Fridays in each Month - from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Village Hall, London Road, Bapchild - Doctor and Health Visitor in attendance - for the benefit of Mothers and Children residing in Bapchild and the eastern end of the Canterbury Road Estate areas.

Vaccinations and Immunisations are given at all Infant Welfare Clinics, if required, as follows:-

At 3rd, 4th and 5th Month - Triple injections against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. 'Booster' Triple injections at 2 years and 5 years.

At 6th, 7th and 8th Month and again at 5 years - Protection against Poliomyelitis, by Oral Vaccine.

At 1 - 2 Years - Vaccination against Smallpox.

Other persons seeking protection against Poliomyelitis, should make arrangements through their own Doctor.

The Health and Welfare Department of the Kent County Council has arranged for Clinics for the taking of Cervical Smears to be held at Sutton House. Forms for appointments at these Clinics can be obtained from the Child Welfare Clinic at Sutton House; from the Health Department, Council Offices, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, or from a person's own Doctor.

Three Health Visitors (Kent County Council Staff) at Sutton House, cover the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton. These Health Visitors have also been seconded to various groups of Doctors in the Area.

The Social Worker for the Sittingbourne Deanery for Church Social Work is - Miss M. Wyatt - who attends at Sutton House on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 - 12 noon.

Mental Welfare is provided by the Regional Hospital Board for patients from the Urban District, at 13, South Road, Faversham. The Sessions for the Clinics are held on Thursday evenings at 5 o'clock.

A Nursery Class for partially Deaf Children between the ages of three and five years is held in Gillingham and Children from this Urban District are able to attend. A School for Handicapped Children is also held at the Bobbing Training Centre, Village Hall, Bobbing.

Enquiries regarding the Domestic Help Service may be made at the Kent County Council Divisional Offices, Remembrance Avenue, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.2436).



## 2. Hospitals and Nursing Homes

### (i) Hospitals

There are two Hospitals in the Urban District, as follows:-

(a) Memorial Hospital, Bell Road, Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Sitt.2019)

The Visiting Hours at this Hospital are:-

Sunday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Monday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Tuesday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Wednesday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.
Thursday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Friday	-	7.30 p.m. until 8 p.m.
Saturday	-	2.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m.

(b) Milton Hospital, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel.No: Sitt.3168)

This Hospital provides facilities for the Infirm and Chronic Sick and also has a separate Residential Section for Aged People at Court Regis, North Street, Milton Regis (Tel.No: Sitt.3485).

(c) Cases of Infectious Disease, including patients suffering from Tuberculosis, are admitted for treatment at Keycol Hospital, Keycol Hill, nr. Sittingbourne (Tel.No: Newington 222). This Hospital is situated on the main London Road, just outside the Urban District boundary. At this Hospital there is also a Chest Clinic (Tel.No: Newington 387) at which out-patients suffering from Tuberculosis and other associated Chest complaints attend for X-Ray and periodic examinations by the Consultant Chest Physicians.

### (ii) Nursing Homes

There are no Registered Nursing Homes situate within the Urban District.

### 3. School Health Services

The Principal School Medical Officer (Dr. A. Elliott) has once again very kindly provided the following summary of the return for the Year 1966 for the Area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis, and the Rural Districts of Sheppey and Swale.

#### (a) Routine School Medical Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	...	...	...	...	3,151
Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected:-					
Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	3,147
Unsatisfactory	...	...	...	...	4

#### (b) Special Inspections

Number of Pupils Inspected	...	...	...	...	211
Number of Pupils Re-Inspected	...	...	...	...	1,292
Number of Pupils found to require treatment	...	...	...	...	701

#### (c) Treatment of Pupils

##### (i) Minor Ailments

Skin Disease	...	...	...	...	12
Eye Defects	...	...	...	...	13
Ear Defects	...	...	...	...	26
Minor Injuries, Bruises, Sores, etc.	...	...	...	...	11

##### (ii) Defective Vision and Squint

Errors of Refraction (including Squint)	...	...	...	...	967
Other Defects or Diseases of the Eye	...	...	...	...	-
Number of Pupils for whom Spectacles were prescribed	...	...	...	...	497

#### (d) Dental Inspection and Treatment

Number Inspected by Dental Officers	...	...	...	...	3,827
Number found requiring treatment	...	...	...	...	2,714
Number actually treated	...	...	...	...	1,134
Number of attendances for treatment	...	...	...	...	4,509



## (e) Infestation with Vermin

Number of Examinations of Pupils in Schools by the School Nurses or other Authorised Persons	... ..	11,391
Number of Individual Pupils found to be infested	...	93
Number of Individual Pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944)	... ..	6

4. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 47)  
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was not called upon to deal with any cases during the Year.

5. Old People's Welfare

I am indebted to County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble for once again supplying the following information regarding the activities and services of the Old People's Welfare Committee, for the benefit of the elderly residents in the Urban District, during the Year under review.

" Another year has passed in caring for the needs of elderly folk in the District. The Old People's Welfare Committee has accomplished much in the fifteen years it has been running. We realise that there is an ever increasing need as our register grows in size each year.

The important Night Sitting Service is still very much used and appreciated. This enables tired relatives, or good neighbours, a certain amount of relief, because nursing the chronic sick can become very exhausting.

The Meals on Wheels Service is continuing to offer an excellent meal twice a week to the house-bound and old people of the Urban District. Over 40 meals per week are delivered by our Voluntary Helpers. Our sincere thanks are due to these helpers and to Messrs. Bowaters, Kemsley, and the Shell Research Company for their co-operation in preparing these meals. We also record our gratitude to Mrs. Ashby who has so kindly supervised this excellent service.

Once again Colonel and Mrs. Dean offered their home and garden for a party to entertain about 65 house-bound people. Unfortunately the weather was unkind, and we were unable to have a garden party. However, 65 guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves in our Town Hall. The Women's Institute very kindly gave a display of "Fashions Through the Ages" and a wonderful puppet show. Each person was collected by car and returned to their homes after tea. It was a great success and very much appreciated. Some of these people had not been outside their own homes for as long as two years. Our grateful thanks to Mrs. Knowler and her Social Committee for preparing and serving teas and to Colonel and Mrs. Dean for providing luscious strawberries and cream.



Our Visiting Service is still expanding under the organisation of Mrs. H. Newman and Members of her Craigmere Social Club, who offered their services to the Old People's Welfare Committee. We have now approximately 800 old people on our books. At Easter, over 3,000 eggs were distributed by our visitors and paid for by money raised by their own efforts in running coffee mornings, tea parties and beetle drives. Birthday and Christmas cards were sent during the Year and many of our elderly and needy citizens received money or parcels at Christmas.

The Good Companions Centre is still very popular and giving much pleasure to a small gathering of our Old People every Friday afternoon. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Williams for running this Centre and for creating such a happy atmosphere.

The Girls from the Grammar School continue to take an active part in our work. Two girls regularly attend our meetings with their Head Mistress, Miss Roberts. The New House Youth Club members have collected and chopped wood, and delivered bundles to the old people.

We are indebted to Councillor and Mrs. F. Bishop for holding a Cheese and Wine Evening in their house. This was a very successful and happy event and raised over £40 which has enabled us to provide a means of transport for some of our Old Fellowship Members to attend their Club meetings on Tuesdays; as many are unable to use public transport.

Another event of my Committee organised was a Flag Day which raised about £100. Many social events have taken place to augment the services provided and we are grateful to Mrs. Knowler, our Social Chairman, for supervising these efforts.

Through the organisation of our Secretary we were able to distribute leaflets "Information for the Elderly" (see Appendix "K") to every house in the Urban District. This was made possible by the help of our Visitors, all the senior Schools and the Youth Club Members. Altogether a wonderful example of Youth helping the aged.

Blair Park, in Milton Regis, and Waldene in Sittingbourne, both residential homes, are fulfilling a useful and necessary purpose, with their happy homely atmosphere. Court Regis, the Kent County Council Residential Home is full to capacity. These homes are visited by our helpers.

The three Old People's Clubs in the District continue to be well supported and afford much happiness to many.

In conclusion of this Report, I would like to record our sincere thanks to Mrs. F. Bishop for her unfailing help and loyal support as our Organising Secretary. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. J. Mobbs, our efficient Treasurer, and to Mr. N. Bowen for so willingly auditing our books.

SECTION VSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA1. Water Supply

All the dwellings (9,162) within the Urban District are supplied from the public water mains of the Medway Water Board.

The supply has, during the Year under review, been adequate both in quality and quantity.

Fifty-three samples of water (29 from the public supply and 24 from private supplies) were submitted for bacteriological examination.

In addition, 3 samples (1 from the public supply and 2 from a private supply) were submitted for both chemical and bacteriological examination.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

During the Year, extensions of the Council's sewerage system were carried out to serve new housing development within the Area.

The work in connection with the construction of sedimentation tanks, permanent sludge beds and the conversion of existing sedimentation tanks into primary settlement tanks and the provision of new pumping equipment, referred to in my Report for 1965, was completed during the Year.

The annual treatment against Rodents in the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the period from 9th May to 1st June, 1966. The results obtained indicate that the incidence of infestation is still very low. The poison Warfarin was again used.

3. Scavenging

The administration of the Council's refuse collection and disposal service is under the control of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Disposal of refuse is by controlled tipping at the Council's new site at Milton.

4. School Sanitation

The sanitary facilities provided at the Schools have been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

School kitchen hygiene generally was of a high standard.



## 5. Public Conveniences

In spite of the difficulties created by a small minority of the public the conveniences were generally maintained in a satisfactory manner.

The misuse of the conveniences by the small minority referred to again cost the body of ratepayers unnecessary expenditure as well as inconvenience.

## 6. Swimming Baths

### (a) Public Swimming Baths

12 samples of the bath water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The reports indicated that satisfactory standards of purity were maintained in the bath water.

The total number of bathers using the pool during the Year was 76,436 as compared with 67,189 in 1965.

### (b) School Swimming Bath

A small open-air swimming bath was opened at a School within the Urban District for the use of the pupils attending the School. 4 samples of the bath water were submitted for bacteriological examination. The results were satisfactory.

## 7. Mortuary Accommodation

The Mortuary facilities used by the Council accommodated 29 bodies during the Year. The arrangements again proved to be satisfactory.

## 8. Service of Notices requiring the Execution of Works or the Abatement of Nuisances

(a) Informal Notices served	-	135
(b) Statutory Notices served	-	25
(c) Informal Notices complied with	-	118
(d) Statutory Notices complied with	-	18
(e) Informal Notices outstanding	-	130
(f) Statutory Notices outstanding	-	17
(g) Notices dealt with in default of compliance with Statutory Notices	-	2



9. Visits made by the Public Health Inspectors

The number of visits paid by the Public Health Inspectors during the Year is shown in Appendix "D".

10. Complaints

During the Year, a total of 143 complaints were received from tenants of non-Council Houses and 12 from tenants of Council Houses, in connection with alleged unsatisfactory conditions.

These complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to remedy the conditions found.

A complaint which has not yet been satisfactorily dealt with arises from the smell of paint emanating from an industrial plant situated adjacent to new housing development. This paint smell causes a nuisance during particular atmospheric conditions.

The Firm in question is aware of the position and has taken a number of steps to remedy the complaint, unhappily without success. Further investigation and experimentation continues in an endeavour to deal with the problem.

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## SECTION VI

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### 1. Milk Supply

##### The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

Under the provisions of the above named Regulations, this Authority is responsible for registering all Retailers within the Urban District as Distributors of Milk. The number of Retailers registered is 57.

The Kent County Council is the Authority responsible for the issue of Licences for the sale of designated Milks, and these Licences are valid for five years from the date of issue.

##### Examination of Milk Supplies

(i) 65 samples of Milk were submitted for bacteriological or other prescribed examination to the Public Laboratory, Maidstone. The bulk of the supply is in the hands of two or three main suppliers and it seems unnecessary to duplicate samples from different purveyors obtaining their supplies from the same source.

(ii) The following Table shows details of the results obtained:-

TABLE XIII

Designation					Number of Samples	Result	
						Satisfactory	Un- Satisfactory
Tuberculin Tested/Pasteurised	....	1	( - )		1	( - )	- ( - ) *
Pasteurised	... ...	52	(46)		44	(45)	8 ( 1 )
Sterilised	... ...	12	(12)		12	(12)	- ( - )
Totals					65	(58)	57 (57) 8 ( 1 )

(iii) The samples of Pasteurised Milk which were unsatisfactory, all failed the methylene blue reductase test. Six of these unsatisfactory samples were taken from Vending Machines in the Town.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

## 2. Meat

Two private slaughterhouses were licensed for the use of Butchers in the Town and 221 visits were paid to these slaughterhouses during the Year.

The number of animals presented for slaughter was 2,295 as compared with 2,763 in the previous Year.

The small amount of meat condemned in the slaughterhouses ( $1,403\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.) was dyed green and disposed of under guarantee to a firm of bi-product manufacturers.

The Department's transport collects foodstuffs condemned in Food Shops and this is disposed of under suitable safeguards at the Council's Tip.

Details of foodstuffs, of all types, condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

Table XIV shows the details of the animals slaughtered and inspected, together with the numbers affected with disease.



TABLE XIV

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses	Total
Number Killed ... (if known)	330	3	4	957	1001	-	2295
Number Inspected ...	330	3	4	957	1001	-	2295
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned ...	-	1	-	3	-	-	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	9	1	-	34	117	-	161
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ...	2.7	66.6	-	3.8	11.6	-	(9.2)* 7.1
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	7	-	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	(0.1)* 0.3
<u>Cysticercosis</u>							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and Totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

### 3. The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957

One licence was cancelled and one new licence was issued during the Year.

The total number of persons licensed under this Order at 31st December, 1966 was five.

Routine visits were made during the Year to ensure that compliance with the conditions imposed by the Order were being observed.

### 4. Other Foodstuffs Examined

The details of foodstuffs of all types condemned during the Year are shown in Appendix "C".

36 complaints relating to the presence of foreign bodies, or other contamination, in food were made during the Year.

The foreign bodies or other contamination complained of were:-

- (a) Insect in Packet of Figs.
- (b) Mould in Tin of Corned Beef (2 Cases).
- (c) Insect in Tin of Corned Beef.
- (d) Foreign matter in sliced (wrapped) loaf of Bread (2 Cases).
- (e) Condition of Tin of Chopped Chicken Roll.
- (f) Unsound condition of Pork.
- (g) Dirty condition of Bacon.
- (h) Mould in Steak Pie.
- (i) Condition of Tinned Ham.
- (j) Mould in Steak and Kidney Pie.
- (k) Fish-hook in Meat Pie.
- (l) Insect in Pint Bottle of Milk.
- (m) Piece of Wire in Bottle of Milk.
- (n) Dirty condition of Pint Milk Bottle (2 Cases).



- (o) Glass splinter in Bottle of Mineral Water.
- (p) Foreign matter in Bottle of Orange Crush.
- (q) Mould in Tin of Apricots.
- (r) Mould in Cream Horns.
- (s) Mould in Custard Tarts.
- (t) Foreign matter in Bar of Chocolate.
- (u) Piece of Wood in 1 lb. Jar of Lemon Jelly Marmalade.
- (v) Insect Infestation in 1 oz. Jar of Mixed Pickling Spice.
- (w) Condition of Baby Food (2 Cases).
- (x) Beetle in Bananas.
- (y) Condition of Jar of Cockles.
- (z) 7 other miscellaneous complaints of condition of foodstuffs were received by the Department.

In certain cases, specimens of Foreign Matter and Insects were sent to the County Analyst and to the British Museum for identification.

These complaints, some of which involved Vendors in other Districts, were fully investigated and cautions were issued in all cases.

The number of complaints concerning food tends to increase. Whether the increase is due to a lowering of standards in the food trades or to an increasing awareness on the part of the Consumer, it is difficult to say.

The policy of the Department, supported by the Council, is to use a complaint in such a way that unsatisfactory conditions are altered so that future complaints are obviated. Generally there has been a good response to this attitude from food traders both nationally and locally.



5. Shellfish

No case of illness attributable to Shellfish was notified during the Year.

6. Fish Frying

7 fish frying establishments are in operation in the Urban District.

31 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

The standard of hygiene continues to be satisfactory.

7. Ice Cream

The numbers of premises registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of Ice Cream are:-

Sale and Storage of Ice Cream	...	...	...	94	(93) *
Storage of Ice Cream	...	...	...	2	( 2)
Manufacture of Ice Cream	...	...	...	1	( 1)

Fifteen samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination by the Provisional Modified Methylene Blue Reductase Test.

The results of the samples examined were as follows:-

								1966	1965
Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13 (86.6%)	7 (77.7%)
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 (13.3%)	2 (22.2%)
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	- ( - )	- ( - )

The majority of Ice Cream sold in the Urban District is produced by National Manufacturers and invariably is sold pre-packed. No difficulty has been experienced in the supervision of this Trade during the Year.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

8. Bakehouses

4 bakehouses are registered and in operation in the Area.

21 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

9. Restaurant Kitchens

The number of restaurant kitchens (including Works Canteens and School Kitchens) in the Area is - 38.

116 visits were made to these premises during the Year.

10. Public Houses

The number of Public Houses in the Area is - 44.

52 visits of inspection were made during the Year.

11. Food Preparing Premises

20 premises are registered for the manufacture of sausages and preserved foods.

59 visits were made to these premises during the Year.

The premises have generally been maintained in a satisfactory manner.

12. General Hygiene in Food Premises

Every effort is made by the Inspectorial Staff when visiting food premises to promote good food hygiene. In many cases the standards achieved are very good indeed. Unfortunately, in some cases it is disappointing to find that some food handlers, as evidenced by the way they do their job, have no conception of the dangers that can arise from the mishandling of food nor of their personal responsibility to protect the consumer.

Part of the difficulty is undoubtedly the high turn-over of staff in the food trades.

Nevertheless, the Department continues to have a good relationship with the food trade generally and is always willing to give advice and help on particular difficulties which can and do arise from time to time.



13. Details of Inspection

These details are shown in Appendix "D".

14. The Number and Type of Food Premises in the Area

These details are shown in Appendix "F".

15. Samples taken by the Food and Drugs Authority

Mr. A. Cyril Fox, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department of the Kent County Council, has once again very kindly supplied details of samples of food taken by the County Sampling Officers in the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton during 1966, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

I am grateful for this information which is detailed overleaf.

Article		No. of Samples	Article		No. of Samples
Antacid Powder	...	1	Total b/f		32
Aspro (microfined)	...	1	Kompo	...	1
Beef Croquette	...	1	Lemonade	...	1
Bisma Rex	...	1	Liquid Paraffin	...	1
Bitter Lemon Crush	...	1	Low Caloria Lemon Lime Drink	...	1
Breakfast Cereal	...	1	Milk	...	18
Bulgarian Mixed Vegetable Salad	...	1	Oranges	...	1
Buttercrisp Biscuits	...	1	Phyllosan Tablets	...	1
Cherry Flavoured Linctus	...	1	Plum Jam	...	1
Cheshire Cheese	...	1	Pork Pie	...	1
Chicken Croquette	...	1	Pork Sausage Meat	...	1
Chop Sauce	...	1	Pure Malt Vinegar	...	1
Chutney	...	1	Radian B	...	1
Cocktail Cherries	...	1	Rum	...	1
Cough Mixture	...	1	Sandwich Cake and Bun Mix	...	1
Crystallised Ginger	...	1	Sauce	...	1
Cultivated Blackberries in	...		Scotch Whisky Flavoured	...	
Heavy Syrup	...	1	Marmalade	...	1
Cultured Buttermilk	...	1	Self Raising Flour	...	1
Dairy Topping (18% butter fat)	...	1	Snowball	...	1
Double Cream	...	1	Spiced Cherries	...	1
Drinking Chocolate	...	1	Stewed Steak	...	1
Fish Cake	...	1	Sweet Orange Crush	...	1
Food Colouring	...	3	Table Jelly	...	1
Frankfurters	...	1	Tip Top Fruit Topping	...	1
Gin	...	3	Turkey Croquette	...	1
Golden Apricots in Syrup	...	1	Vodka	...	2
Gouvetch Mixed Vegetable Dish	...	1	Whisky	...	3
Ice Cream	...	1			
Total c/f		32	Total		78



### Summary of Samples

			<u>Results of Analysis</u>	
			<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	...	18	17	1
Drugs	...	9	9	-
Spirits	...	9	9	-
Others	...	42	37	5

### Unsatisfactory Samples

#### Chicken Croquette Turkey Croquette

These two products contained less meat than the Public Analyst considered should be present. The Makers are now aiming at a higher meat content.

#### Gouvetch Mixed Vegetable Dish

This was imported from Bulgaria and the Public Analyst considered the DDT content to be rather higher than might be expected. As it was old stock, no further action was taken.

#### Milk

Mould growth colonies were found adhering to the bottle, but there was no foreign matter free in the milk.

#### Self Raising Flour

Parts of a safety razor blade found in a bag of flour was the subject of a complaint. Investigations failed to disclose how the object got into the flour. Makers cautioned.

#### Table Jelly

A complaint that a Table Jelly contained a foreign body was investigated. The foreign body was found to be fibres and iron and mineral oil. Maker cautioned.

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SECTION VIIDISINFECTION, DISINFESTATION AND RODENT CONTROL1. Disinfection

(i) 6 rooms at 2 premises were disinfected on account of infectious disease during the Year.

(ii) All Library Books found at premises where a case of notifiable disease has occurred have been disinfected by formaldehyde before being returned to circulation.

(iii) Facilities are available for steam disinfection, when required, at the Milton Regis Hospital, by courtesy of the Medway and Gravesend Hospital Management Committee. It is pleasing to record that the utmost co-operation and assistance is always extended to the Department by the Administrator and his Staff.

2. Disinfestation

(i) The following tables indicate the work carried out during the Year:-

## (a) Bed Bugs

				Infestations	
				Premises	Rooms
Council Houses	...	...		1 ( 1 )	1 ( 4 )*
Other Houses	...	...		1 ( - )	1 ( - )
Totals				2 ( 1 )	2 ( 4 )

## (b) Fleas

Council Houses	...	...		- ( 1 )	- ( 6 )
Other Houses	...	...		4 ( 1 )	14 ( 5 )
Other Premises	...	...		2 ( - )	3 ( - )
Totals				6 ( 2 )	17 ( 11 )

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



(c) Other Insect Pests  
(Ants, Beetles and Flies, etc.)

		Infestations	
		Premises	Rooms
Council Houses ...	...	9 (13)	11 (15)*
Other Houses ...	...	19 (4)	36 (10)
Other Premises ...	...	7 (9)	21 (15)
Totals		35 (26)	68 (40)

(ii) Other disinfestations carried out during the Year were as follows:-

(a) The Swimming Baths were disinfested, on 3 occasions, on account of Cockroaches.

(b) The outside walls of 2 Council Houses were disinfested on account of Ants.

(c) The outside walls of 1 non-Council House was disinfested on account of Ants.

(d) The outside walls of 4 non-Council Houses were disinfested on account of Beetles.

(e) The outside walls of 3 Council Houses were disinfested on account of Red Mite.

(f) The attic of 1 non-Council House was disinfested on account of Cluster Flies.

(g) 1 Cell at Sittingbourne Police Station was disinfested on account of Vermin.

(iii) In addition, 38 Wasps' and 9 Bees' Nests were treated and destroyed.

(iv) The main insecticides used during the Year were 5% D.D.T. in Kerosene and Gammexane.

(v) The number of visits made during the Year by the Department's Operator in connection with disinfection and disinfestation was 456 as compared with 454 visits in 1965.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

### 3. Rodent Control

(i) The Council employ one part-time Rodent Operator.

(ii) Table XV gives details of the work carried out during the Year.

(iii) The number of visits made during the Year was 1,577 (including routine survey visits) as against 1,815 visits in the previous Year.

(iv) In addition to the above, the usual maintenance treatment of the Council's sewerage system was carried out during the Year.

TABLE XV

Details	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of Properties in District	9,602	60
2. (a) Total Number of Properties (including nearby premises) Inspected following Notification	360	22
(b) Number Infested by (i) Rats	283	21
(ii) Mice	124	16
3. (a) Total Number of Properties Inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than Notification	37	6
(b) Number Infested by (i) Rats	16	1
(ii) Mice	13	Nil



SECTION VIII

HOUSING

Inspections

The number and character of inspections carried out during the Year in connection with housing is as follows:-

(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected during the Year for housing defects	...	...	...	...	300	(273) *
(b) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations	...	...	...	...	77	( 16)
(c) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	54	( 64)
(d) Number of houses found defective in some essential particular	...	...	...	...	135	( 97)
(e) Remedy of defects during the Year without service of formal notice	...	...	...	...	118	( 93)
(f) Reinspection of houses	...	...	...	...	775	(540)
(g) Action under the Statutory Powers during the Year:-						
(i) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	-	( -)
(ii) Proceedings under Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	25	( 13)
(iii) Proceedings under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	38	( 48)

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.

(iv) Action under Section 42 of the  
Housing Act, 1957:-

No. of Areas  
represented as  
unfit

2 ( - )

No. of Dwellings  
in the Areas

16 ( - )

No. of Dwellings  
demolished during  
the Year

- ( - ) \*

## 2. Provision of Houses

I am indebted to Mr. A.W.Lloyd, Engineer and Surveyor, for kindly supplying the following information in connection with the number of houses built each Year since the end of the War:-

TABLE XVI

Year	Council Houses Temporary	Council Houses Permanent	Police & Firemen Houses	Private Enterprise	War destroyed houses re-built	Total
1946	50	33	-	2	-	85
1947	-	57	-	5	-	62
1948	-	44	-	3	2	49
1949	-	70	-	3	8	81
1950	-	72	-	7	8	87
1951	-	82	-	8	4	94
1952	-	140	2	2	-	144
1953	-	118	-	3	-	121
1954	-	200	11	34	-	245
1955	-	94	6	13	-	113
1956	-	82	-	52	-	134
1957	-	72	-	128	-	200
1958	-	57	1	98	-	156
1959	-	78	-	80	-	158
1960	-	72	-	118	-	190
1961	-	43	-	128	-	171
1962	-	51	-	191	-	242
1963	-	52	-	268	-	320
1964	-	78	10	382	-	470
1965	-	70	-	266	-	336
1966	-	106	-	270	-	376
Totals	50	1,671	30	2,061	22	3,834

In addition, an Old People's Warden's Scheme at Churchill House, Murston, was opened during the Year, when accommodation for 30 Old People in bed-sitters was provided and occupied.

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



### 3. Repair and Maintenance of Houses

(a) In the majority of cases owners, when notified of the necessity for repairs to their property, give instructions to builders for the carrying out of remedial work. In a few cases, however, considerable time and effort is necessary on the part of your Officers before the desired result can be attained.

#### (b) Rent Act, 1957

1 application (Form 'I') was received during the Year in connection with a Certificate of Disrepair.

The following information details the position regarding applications received since the Act came into force on 6th July, 1957, together with the action taken:-

1. Total number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair ...	64
2. Total number of notices (Form 'J') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Proposal to issue a Certificate of Disrepair ...	61
3. Total number of decisions by Local Authority not to issue Certificate of Disrepair ... ..	3
4. Total number of Undertakings (Form 'K') given by Landlord to remedy defects proposed to be included in Certificate of Disrepair ... ..	41
5. Undertakings (Form 'K') not given by Landlord but defects remedied in accordance with requirements of Forms 'J' issued by Local Authority ... ..	6
6. Total number of Certificates of Disrepair (Form 'L') issued ...	15
7. Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair ... ..	4
8. Total number of Notices (Form 'RC2') issued by Local Authority to Landlord of Cancellation of Certificate of Disrepair ...	4

- (c) Discretionary Improvement Grants -  
 Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958  
 (as amended by the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959,  
 Housing Act, 1961, and Housing Act, 1964)

During the Year, 17 applications for Grants in connection with Discretionary Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. These were all approved.

The total cost of the works involved in these approved applications, amounted to £11,236 and the total of the Grants allowed was £5,610.

There were 27 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 19 of these were in respect of applications received during the Year 1965.

The Improvement Schemes were, as in previous Years, mainly concerned with the provision of bathrooms, internal water closets and hot water systems and consequential improvements to kitchens.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 308 applications. Of these, 277 were completed by 31st December, 1966. In addition, 10 applications were cancelled at the applicants' request.

- (d) Standard Improvement Grants -  
 House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959  
 (as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, and Housing Act, 1964)

During the Year, 22 applications for Grants in connection with Standard Improvement Schemes, were submitted to the Council. All of these were approved.

There were 20 Completion Certificates issued during the Year and 10 of these were in respect of applications received and approved during 1965.

Since the Act came into force, the Council has received and approved 124 applications. 107 of these were completed by 31st December, 1966. In addition, 3 applications were cancelled at the applicants' request.

The total cost of the works involved in the 107 completed applications amounted to £21,823 and the total of the Grants allowed was £10,374.

The improvements required under the applications were for the provision of hot water systems, baths, wash-hand basins, internal water closets and food stores.



(e) There continues to be a need to bring before the public the grant facilities which are available for the improvement of dwellings. Every opportunity is taken of doing this at talks given by Officers of the Department to various organisations throughout the Urban District..

(f) Details in connection with Improvement Grants, both Discretionary and Standard, are shown in Tables XVII and XVIII.

(g) Progress of Five-Year's Slum Clearance Programme.

1966 was the fourth year of the Council's second Five-Year Clearance Programme.

During the Year 54 unfit houses were dealt with by way of Undertakings, Closing or Demolition Orders.

In addition, negotiations were successfully completed for the acquisition by the Council of some 93 houses in the Murston Road area, which were obsolete and unfit. It is the Council's intention to re-develop the area for housing purposes.

The clearance programme referred to included some 350 houses for clearance during the five-year period ending December, 1967. During the four years that the programme has been operative 241 houses have been dealt with, although at the time of writing this report 229 families have been rehoused.

A Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programmes during the Period from 1945 to 1966 inclusive is shown in Appendix "H".

#### (h) Rehousing - Removal Expenses

In connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme, 12 cases upon being rehoused applied for their removal expenses to be paid by the Council. Under the Authority of Council Minute No. 507(5) dated October, 1959, the expenses of all these cases were met by the Council.

TABLE XVII

## DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request	Total Cost of Approved Applications	Total Amount of Grant
1955	25	8	2	£ 4,888	£ 2,436
1956	19	24	2	5,856	2,919
1957	29	24	-	10,118	4,947
1958	15	21	-	5,326	2,654
1959	32	24	-	13,128	6,563
1960	40	29	2	18,106	9,035
1961	24	30	1	13,511	6,745
1962	24	27	2	11,429	5,702
1963	27	22	1	14,185	7,077
1964	29	32	-	15,315	7,637
1965	27	9	-	15,841	7,911
1966	17	27	-	11,236	5,610
Totals	308	277	10	138,939	69,236



TABLE XVIIISTANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Year	Number of Improvement Schemes Submitted and Approved	Number of Completion Certificates Issued	Number of Approved Schemes Cancelled at Applicants' Request
1959	4	2	-
1960	16	12	-
1961	10	10	-
1962	15	11	2
1963	14	19	-
1964	27	20	1
1965	16	13	-
1966	22	20	-
Totals	124	107	3

#### 4. Rehousing

I am indebted to Mr. B. King, Housing Officer, for supplying me with the following information regarding rehousing in the Urban District during the Year.

During the Year, it was found possible to provide housing accommodation for 283 families, as follows:-

- (a) 46 families rehoused in pre-war Council Houses (26) \*
- (b) 230 families rehoused in post-war Council Houses (168)
- (c) 7 families rehoused in privately owned Houses by arrangement with Owners' consent (3)

#### 5. Housing Applications

The Housing Officer has also very kindly supplied the following information regarding Housing Applications.

(a) The following Table shows the details of the number of applicants in the various categories on the Council's Housing List at 31st December, 1966:-

TABLE XIX

1.	Number of Applicants on 'Live List'	...	404	(481) *
2.	Number of 'Late Applications'	...	153	(118)
Total Number of Applicants			557	(599)

(b) Table XX shows the various classes into which the applicants on the 'Live List' fall:-

TABLE XX

		No.	%
1.	Applicants who are tenants of houses within the Urban District	276	68.3
2.	Applicants living in rooms as sub-tenants or lodgers within the Urban District	55	13.6
3.	Applicants for Old Persons' Dwellings	73	18.0
Total			404

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



SECTION IXTHE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963(a) Registration and Inspection

The total number of Premises on the Register at 31st December, 1966, was 281 as compared with 285 Premises at the end of the previous Year.

53 Registrations were cancelled during the Year, and Table I below details the classification of the Premises concerned, together with the reasons for cancellation.

220 general inspections were carried out during the Year, which compares with 82 general inspections carried out in 1965.

The number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises during the Year was 599. This figure compares with 106 in the previous Year.

TABLE I

Reason	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. Open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
No Employees or No Persons employed over 21 hours weekly . . . . .	1	7	3	-	-	11
Premises Demolished	1	-	-	-	-	1
Premises Closed ...	5	13	-	-	1	19
Change of Ownership	2	11	1	-	1	15
Registrations referred to Factory Inspector	2	3	-	1	-	6
Business Moved to New Address ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	11	35	4	1	2	53

(b) Operation of the General Provisions of the Act

In 32 cases only (14.5%) did the Premises comply with the requirements of the Act. Notifications were sent to the responsible persons in respect of the 188 (85.4%) Premises which revealed contraventions of the Act on general inspection.

Table II sets out the types of contraventions found upon inspection.

TABLE II

Defects Found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. Open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Absence of Thermometer ...	12	51	2	-	1	66
Absence of First Aid Kit ... ..	11	55	1	-	2	69
Abstract of Act not displayed ... ..	12	89	2	-	1	104
Inadequate Ventilation ...	1	19	-	-	-	20
Absence of Hot Water Supply ... ..	8	45	-	-	1	54
Defective Wash-hand Basin ... ..	-	2	-	-	-	2
Absence of suitable washing facilities	1	5	1	-	2	9
Absence of supply of drinking water ...	1	-	-	-	-	1
Absence of adequate sanitary conveniences ...	4	6	-	-	1	11
Unsatisfactory decoration to sanitary accommodation ...	4	36	1	-	1	42
Defective w.c. roof	1	5	-	-	-	6
Absence of artificial lighting in w.c. ... ..	2	27	1	-	-	30
Broken window glazing in w.c. ...	1	2	-	-	-	3
Absence of inter- vening space to w.c. ... ..	-	-	1	-	-	1
Defective fitting of w.c. cistern ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Defective fixing of w.c. pan ... ..	-	3	-	-	-	3
Defective w.c. cistern ... ..	-	4	-	-	-	4
Defective w.c. seat	-	5	-	-	-	5
Lack of Privacy and protection from weather of w.c. ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals c/f	58	356	9	-	9	432



TABLE II (continued)

Defects Found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. Open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Totals b/f	58	356	9	-	9	432
Defective floors ...	6	47	-	1	-	54
Worn and defective floor coverings ...	7	58	-	-	-	65
Unsatisfactory decoration to walls and ceilings ...	2	48	1	-	2	53
Defective wall plaster ...	4	16	-	1	-	21
Defective ceiling plaster ...	2	11	-	1	-	14
Absence of Handrail to staircase ...	6	19	1	-	-	26
Insecurely fixed Handrail to staircase ...	1	-	-	-	-	1
Defective stair treads ...	1	19	-	-	-	20
Defective entrance door step ...	2	9	-	-	-	11
Defective heating	-	-	-	-	1	1
Absence of means of heating ...	-	6	-	-	1	7
Dampness ...	-	2	-	-	1	3
Absence of suitable clothing accommodation ...	-	1	-	-	1	2
Defective electric light in rest room	1	1	-	-	1	3
Absence of artificial lighting on staircase ...	-	7	-	-	-	7
Insufficient lighting in passage	-	3	-	-	-	3
Lack of adequate lighting in cutting room ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Absence of suitable facilities for the taking of meals ...	-	3	-	-	-	3
Totals c/f	90	607	11	3	16	727

TABLE II (continued)

Defects Found	Offices	Shops	Catering Establish. Open to Public	Wholesale Depots and Warehouses	Fuel Storage Depots	Totals
Totals b/f	90	607	11	3	16	727
Defective eaves-gutters and rain-water pipes ...	1	3	-	-	-	4
Defective seating for employees ...	2	3	-	-	-	5
Absence of dustbins	-	-	1	-	-	1
Absence of adequate guarding to machines ...	-	11	1	-	-	12
Insufficient head room to stairs ...	-	1	-	-	-	1
Staircase obstructed by stock ...	-	2	-	-	-	2
Stock requested to be moved from w.c. accommodation ...	-	3	-	-	-	3
Other miscellaneous defects ...	-	15	-	-	-	15
Totals	93	645	13	3	16	770

(c) Accidents

No accidents were reported to the Department during the Year.

(d) Prosecutions

It was found unnecessary for the Council to take any action by way of prosecution during the Year.

(e) Annual Report (Form OSR.14)

The necessary details required to be submitted to the Minister of Labour under Section 60 of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963, and included in the Annual Report (Form OSR.14) are shown in Appendix "I".

These details are of types of Premises Registered, General Inspections, Visits, Persons Employed, Exemptions, Prosecutions and Inspectors.



SECTION XMISCELLANEOUS1. Gypsies and Van Dwellers

Considerable difficulty was experienced, during the greater part of the Year, from the use of a private road near the Town centre by itinerant van dwellers. Owners of land adjoining the road referred to were put to some expense in protecting their land from wholesale and uncontrolled trespass. People living near the site were abused and terrorised by certain van dwellers and the Council were put to unnecessary expense in clearing the filth and rubbish left by the van dwellers.

It was found necessary to carry out 364 visits during the Year.

2. National Assistance Act, 1948 (Section 50)  
National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Department was called upon to deal with two Cases during the Year.

One case was a female (a widow) aged 65 years. As there was no relative, or other persons, able or willing to make the necessary arrangements for the interment of this person, action was taken under the terms of the Act.

The second case was a child, aged 6 years. The parent was unable to meet the funeral expenses and made application to the Council for assistance with these expenses. In the circumstances this case was accepted under the Act and the necessary arrangements for interment were made for this child.

Death grants were obtained in both cases.

3. Air Pollution

At the end of 1966 works in connection with the provision of a single 230 ft. high stack together with electrostatic precipitators at a local cement works were almost completed. In fact the plant was put into operation in January, 1967.

#### 4. "Milton Creek Smell" Investigation

For many years there have been complaints from time to time concerning a smell which affects parts of the town. This has always been referred to locally as "the Creek Smell".

Little is known of the relationship of the smell to weather conditions, state of tide, etc., and in an attempt to seek information on these points a small group of volunteers have kindly agreed to act as observers. The volunteers are spaced about the area and a good picture of the incidence of the so called "creek smell" ought to emerge during the next two or three years.

I am grateful to the members of the local Consumers Group who have in the main taken on the task of being observers.

#### 5. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

This Act came into effect on 1st April, 1965.

The following information gives details of applications for Registration etc. received up to 31st December, 1966, and the action taken under the terms of the Act.

(a) Number of Applications for Registration received	...	...	14
(b) Number of Certificates of Registration issued	...	...	13
(c) Number of Applications for Registration refused by Local Authority	...	...	1
(d) Number of Applications received for issue of an Exemption Order under Section 3(1) of the Act	...	...	1
(e) Number of Exemption Orders issued under Section 3(1) of the Act	...	...	1

No applications for Registration were received during the Year.

The Certificates of Registration are valid for a period of three years from the date of Registration.



## 6. Home Safety

The Home Safety Committee set up last year is now getting into its stride. A part-time Home Safety Officer has been appointed and it is confidently anticipated that the efforts of the Home Safety Officer and the Committee will make a real contribution to the cause of Home Safety.

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APPENDIX "A"RAINFALL

Recorded at Highsted Waterworks

Month			Rainfall (inches)					
			1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
January	...	...	3.34	2.80	1.02	1.30	2.45	2.26
February	...	...	2.40	0.47	0.67	1.86	0.61	3.98
March	...	...	0.07	2.21	3.63	2.72	2.04	0.65
April	...	...	1.91	1.80	2.90	3.41	1.87	2.81
May	...	...	0.49	1.65	2.66	1.55	1.39	1.44
June	...	...	1.64	0.24	3.88	4.86	2.79	2.03
July	...	...	1.08	1.44	1.25	0.65	1.90	5.53
August	...	...	0.79	1.98	2.80	1.20	2.64	2.05
September	...	...	2.01	2.33	2.22	0.45	6.95	0.89
October	...	...	3.73	1.64	1.73	2.02	0.40	6.45
November	...	...	2.40	2.91	5.00	2.05	2.71	2.85
December	...	...	3.72	2.69	1.06	2.32	4.43	3.35
Total Rainfall	...		23.58	22.16	28.82	24.39	30.18	34.29



APPENDIX "B"TEMPERATURES

Month	Maximum				Minimum			
	1963	1964	1965	1966	1963	1964	1965	1966
January	... 41°	48°	52°	52°	10°	18°	26°	8°
February	... 42°	58°	50°	56°	18°	23°	26°	31°
March	... 60°	60°	74°	57°	18°	24°	23°	28°
April	... 71°	70°	68°	68°	28°	32°	28°	30°
May	... 70°	78°	80°	75°	37°	39°	37°	38°
June	... 82°	84°	78°	81°	47°	41°	39°	47°
July	... 82°	85°	77°	82°	41°	43°	40°	40°
August	... 78°	82°	78°	80°	41°	42°	40°	40°
September	... 76°	81°	71°	76°	40°	40°	38°	40°
October	... 68°	70°	74°	67°	37°	30°	30°	35°
November	... 61°	62°	60°	56°	30°	24°	24°	29°
December	... 50°	52°	51°	48°	16°	20°	20°	24°

APPENDIX "C"DETAILS OF FOODSTUFFS OF ALL TYPESCONDEMNED DURING 1966

	Lbs.	Lbs.
(a) Condemned at Slaughterhouses:-		
3 Carcases of Sheep - Pathological Emaciation ...	92	
Carcase of Cow - Extensive and Severe Bruising, Fractured Pelvis and Fever ... ..	804	
Edible Offal ... ..	507 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,403 $\frac{1}{2}$
(b) Condemned in Shops:-		
Meat ... ..	203	
Miscellaneous Foodstuffs (including Canned Milk, Meat, Fruit, Vegetables, Fish, Jams, etc.) ...	1,750	
Frozen Foods (Defrosted) ... ..	3,969	5,922
(c) Condemned in Warehouse:-		
Tomato Puree (Tinned) ... ..	59,840	
Culinary Sauces (Tinned) ... ..	54,768	
Peas (Tinned) ... ..	823	115,431
Total Lbs.		122,756 $\frac{1}{2}$
TOTAL - 54 Tons 16 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Lbs.		
(35 Tons 8 Cwts. 0 Qrs. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ Lbs.)*		

Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



## APPENDIX "D"

DETAILS OF INSPECTION

## Details

## Inspections

## Number of Houses -

Inspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	...	...	...	...	300	
Reinspected (Complaints or Nuisances)	...	...	...	...	775	
Inspected (Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	181	
Reinspected (Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	96	
Inspected (Rent Acts)	...	...	...	...	2	
Inspected (Overcrowding)	...	...	...	...	5	
Inspected (Multiple Occupation)	...	...	...	...	15	
Inspected (Improvement Grants)	...	...	...	...	39	
Reinspected (Improvement Grants)	...	...	...	...	78	
Inspected (Housing Tenancies)	...	...	...	...	282	
Inspected (Housing Circumstances)	...	...	...	...	16	1,789

## Inspections -

Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	161	
Food Vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	19	
Restaurants, Cafes etc.	...	...	...	...	...	91	
Factory Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	24	
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Food Manufacturing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	59	
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	52	
Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection)	...	...	...	...	...	221	
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	...	86	
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	31	
Dairies and Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	16	
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Examination of Foodstuffs	...	...	...	...	...	117	893

## General Visits and Inspections -

Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	58	
Contacts of Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	146	
Verminous Premises	...	...	...	...	...	15	
Insect Pests	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Rodent Infestations	...	...	...	...	...	83	
Scrap Metal Act	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Shops Act	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Piggeries (Waste Food Order)	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	20	
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	264	

Total c/f

2,682

										Inspections	
										2,682	
										Total b/f	
Tips	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Water Courses, Ditches, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Swimming Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Clean Air Act (including smoke observations)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	
Port Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Contractors and Owners Interviewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200	
Office Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	930	
Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	
Miscellaneous Inspections and Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	282	
Housing Removals - Old Age Pensioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2,117
Food and Drugs and other Sampling -											
Samples of Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	
Samples of Swimming Bath Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	
Samples of Water obtained - Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	
Samples of Water obtained - Chemical	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Samples of Milk obtained - Bacteriological Examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	
Miscellaneous Bacteriological Specimens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Other Miscellaneous Specimens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	164
Factories -											
Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	
Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	
Inspection of Workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Visits to Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	163
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 -											
General Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	220	
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	379	599



## APPENDIX "E"

## NUISANCES AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1966

Houses								Totals	
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	
Chimneys repaired	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Dampness abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Damp-proof courses inserted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Doors and Frames repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Floors renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	
Food stores provided or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Grates or ovens repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	
Internal wall plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	
Miscellaneous repairs and nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Roofs renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	
Rainwater pipes or gutters renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Walls repaired, re-pointed, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	
Water taps or pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Window cords renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	
Window sashes or frames renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	
Yard paving renewed or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	328
Drainage									
Drains tested, smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	108	
Drains tested, water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Drains re-laid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	
Drains cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	
Gullies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Inspection chambers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Inspection chambers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Lavatory basin or sink waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	212
Total c/f									540

Total b/f							540
Water Closets							
Additional water closets or urinals provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Flushing apparatus repaired or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Lighting and ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
New pans provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water closet pan removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
							30
Stalls							
Removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Food Shops, Kitchens and Manufacture of Preserved Foods							
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cleanliness or decoration improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lighting or ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Other repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Storage of food arrangements improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sinks and wash-hand basins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water supply (hot) provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Clothing accommodation provided for employees	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
							37
Cesspools							
Number of Cesspools emptied	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Sanitary Conveniences							
Public Conveniences (male and female) demolished	....	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total							615
							(643) *

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Footnote:- \* Figures in brackets relate to the preceding Year.



## APPENDIX "F"

LIST SHOWING NUMBER AND TYPE OF FOOD SHOPS

IN THE AREA

Type	Number
1. Meat Shops (including Shops carrying out the preparation and/or Manufacture of preserved foods) ... ..	20
2. Restaurants and Dining Room Kitchens (including Works' Canteens and School Kitchens) ... ..	38
3. Food Shops ... ..	77
4. Factories handling Food ... ..	18
5. Fried Fish Shops ... ..	7
6. Ice Cream Retailers ... ..	94
7. Milk - Distributors ... ..	57
- Dairies ... ..	1
8. Public Houses ... ..	44

APPENDIX "G"Prescribed Particulars of the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1961

## PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections  
made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of:		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	6	13	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities ...	123	70	1	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ... ..	8	4	-	-
Totals	137	87	1	-



## 2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Number of Cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.):					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	8	6	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACTOUTWORK(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature of work  (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices Served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing Apparel - Making, etc.	17	-	-	-	-	-
Fuse Stringing	59	-	-	-	-	-
All Others	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	76	-	-	-	-	-



APPENDIX "H"Summary of Houses dealt with in Slum Clearance Programmes  
during the Period from 1945 to 1966 (inclusive)

Year of Period	Houses dealt with in Clearance Areas	Individual Houses dealt with by Undertakings, Closing Orders, or Demolition Orders	Total Number of Houses Dealt with	Number of Houses Demolished
1945-1952	5	15	20	20
1953-1957	96	138	234	169
1958-1962	74	180	254	281
1963	-	67	67	58
1964	23	49	72	65
1965	-	48	48	30
1966	16	38	54	25
Totals	214	535	749	698

APPENDIX "I"THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963Annual Report for 1966 (Form OSR.14)Table A. (Registrations and General Inspections)

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the Year	Total Number of Registered Premises at end of Year	Number of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the Year
Offices	13	66	46
Retail Shops	32	196	157
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	1	2
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	4	15	12
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	3
Totals	49	281	220

Table B. (Number of Visits of all kinds  
by Inspectors to Registered Premises)



Table C. (Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace)

Class of Workplace							Number of Persons Employed
Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	467
Retail Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,211
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Catering Establishments open to the Public	...	...	...	...	...	...	98
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Fuel Storage Depots	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Total							1,822
Total Males - 688							Total Females - 1,134

Table D. (Exemptions)

Part I	- Space (Sec.5(2))	=	None
Part II	- Temperature (Sec.6)	=	None
Part III	- Sanitary Conveniences (Sec.9)	=	1
Part IV	- Washing Facilities (Sec.10)	=	1

Table E. (Prosecutions)

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed in the Year	=	None
Number of Complaints (or summary applications) made under Section 22	=	None
Number of Interim Orders granted	=	None

Table F. (Inspectors)

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act	=	3
Number of other Staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	=	None

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APPENDIX "J"

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY  
CARRIED OUT IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF SITTINGBOURNE AND MILTON  
BY UNITS OF THE MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

A Survey was carried out in the Urban District by Units of the Mass Radiography Service of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, during the period from 9th December, 1965 to 21st January, 1966, and the following results have kindly been supplied by the Medical Director, Dr. G. I. Rees-Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

(a) Survey of the General Public

Centre				Active Tuberculosis			Inactive Tuberculosis		
	Males	Females	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Westlands Boys' School	46	51	97	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John's Boys' School	54	86	140	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kemsley School Hut	33	55	88	-	-	-	1	-	1
Milton Regis Infants' School	133	186	319	1	-	1	-	-	-
A.P.C.M. Works Club	126	60	186	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barrow Grove School	84	114	198	-	-	-	3	1	4
King George V Playing Field Tea Room	87	164	251	-	-	-	-	1	1
Town Hall, Sittingbourne	1,003	1,315	2,318	-	2	2	6	3	9
Totals	1,566	2,031	3,597	1	2	3	10	5	15

(b) Survey of Industries

Centre				Active Tuberculosis			Inactive Tuberculosis		
	Males	Females	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Bowaters, Sittingbourne	708	199	907	-	-	-	4	-	4
Sharwood & Co.	27	113	140	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shell Research Laboratory	248	72	320	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bowaters, Kemsley	1,010	49	1,059	-	-	-	2	-	2
A. Rosner & Sons, Ltd.	17	92	109	-	-	-	-	1	1
Trinity Trading Estate	91	65	156	-	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	2,101	590	2,691	-	-	-	8	1	9

(c) Survey of Schools

Centre				Active Tuberculosis			Inactive Tuberculosis		
	Males	Females	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Girls' Grammar School, Sittingbourne:-									
Teaching Staff	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Teaching Staff	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students	-	112	112	-	-	-	-	-	-
Borden Grammar School, Sittingbourne:-									
Teaching and other Staff	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Students	108	-	108	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	125	116	241	-	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY

## Total Number of Volunteers:-

	Males	Females	Total
(a) General Public ... ..	1,566	2,031	3,597
(b) Industries ... ..	2,101	590	2,691
(c) Schools ... ..	125	116	241
Totals	3,792	2,737	6,529

## Total Number of Cases of Active Tuberculosis Found:-

	Males	Females	Total
(a) General Public ... ..	1	2	3
(b) Industries ... ..	-	-	-
(c) Schools ... ..	-	-	-
Totals	1	2	3



## Total Number of Cases of Inactive Tuberculosis Found:-

	Males	Females	Total
(a) General Public ... ..	10	5	15
(b) Industries ... ..	8	1	9
(c) Schools ... ..	-	-	-
Totals	18	6	24

In addition, the following number of Cases of Cancer of the Lung were found:-

	Males	Females	Total
(a) General Public ... ..	1	-	1
(b) Industries ... ..	-	-	-
(c) Schools ... ..	-	-	-
Totals	1	-	1

APPENDIX "K"

SITTINGBOURNE, MILTON & DISTRICT OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE  
(under the auspices of the Urban District Council)

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Chairman:  
County Councillor Mrs. June Noble,  
'Westdene', London Road,  
Sittingbourne  
(Tel.No: Sitt.2018)

Organising Secretary:  
Mrs. Frank Bishop,  
5, Gore Court Road,  
Sittingbourne.  
(Tel.No: Sitt.2919)

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INFORMATION FOR THE ELDERLY

<u>Service.</u>	<u>Where to Apply.</u>	<u>Telephone No.</u>
		SITTINGBOURNE:
<u>EMERGENCY</u>	-	999
<u>AIDS FOR THE HANDICAPPED</u>	The County Office (Mr. K.Fletcher) Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne. or The British Red Cross Society, Albany Road, Sittingbourne.	2436 -
<u>CHIROPODY</u>	The County Office, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne.	2436
<u>NURSING AIDS</u>	Special Aids - The County Office, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne.	2436
	Temporary Aids - The British Red Cross Society, Albany Road, Sittingbourne.	-
<u>MEALS ON WHEELS</u>	W.R.V.S. - Mrs. S. Ashby, 97, Park Drive, Sittingbourne. or Old People's Welfare Committee, Mrs. F. Bishop, 5, Gore Court Road, Sittingbourne.	3971 2919
<u>NIGHT SITTING</u>	Old People's Welfare Committee, County Councillor Mrs. J. Noble, 'Westdene', London Road, Sittingbourne.	2018



Service	Where to Apply	Telephone No.
		SITTINGBOURNE
<u>VISITING</u>	Old People's Welfare Committee, Mrs. H. Newman, 96, Albany Road, Sittingbourne. (as from 1st September, 1967 - 28, Hill Brow, Sittingbourne)	2744 2744
<u>FLASHING LIGHTS</u>	For those living alone (supplied by The Rotary Club). Old People's Welfare Committee, Mrs. H. Newman, 96, Albany Road, Sittingbourne. (as from 1st September, 1967 - 28, Hill Brow, Sittingbourne)	2744 2744
<u>LARGE PRINTED BOOKS</u>	Local Library.	
<u>CLUBS</u>	Sittingbourne & District Old Folks Fellowship, Meetings at Town Hall, Central Avenue, every other Tuesday, 2.30 - 4.15 p.m. (Mrs. F. Bishop, 5, Gore Court Road, Sittingbourne)	2919
	Crescent Street Social Club, Meetings at Crescent Street School Room every Thursday afternoon, 2 - 4 p.m. (Mrs. Barton, 5, Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne)	
	Murston Over 65 Club. Meetings at Murston Hall every Thursday. (Mrs. Coward, 36, Home View, Murston, Sittingbourne)	
	Milton Old People's Club. Meetings at Old People's Club, St. Paul's Street, Milton, every Friday at 6 p.m. (Miss Griggs, 28, College Road, Sittingbourne)	

Service	Where to Apply	Telephone No.
		SITTINGBOURNE
<u>CLUBS</u> (continued)	<p>Old People's Club.  Meetings at Labour Hall, Park Road,  every other Tuesday, 2.30 - 4 p.m.  (Mrs. Gulvin,  124, Chalkwell Road, Sittingbourne)</p>	2249
	<p>The Handicapped Club.  Meetings at British Red Cross Society,  Albany Road, Sittingbourne, every  Wednesday afternoon.  (Mrs. Winch,  Woodstock Farm, Sittingbourne)</p>	
	<p>Salvation Army Friendly Hour.  Meetings at Salvation Army Hall,  every Friday, 2.30 - 4 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Tea Centre, Crescent Street School Room.  Friday, 2 - 4 p.m.  (Hostess: Mrs. C. Williams,  98, London Road, Sittingbourne)</p>	